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1. (Secret - GLC) [ ] FE, [ ] said he had gotten information that Senator Stennis had reached an understanding with the White House to the effect that there would be no Laos ceiling this year if the Administration would cut its expenditures in Southeast Asia to \$2 billion from the \$2.5 billion that was originally proposed. I touched on this with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, today. He said Senator Stennis might have made such an agreement but if he did he (Braswell) was unaware of it. He added, however, that Senator Stennis was generally opposed to ceilings and in addition DOD had already stated to the Committee that it thought it could keep expenditures in Southeast Asia at around the \$2 billion level. Braswell went on to say that in his opinion the whole issue of ceilings was ridiculous anyway. He feels that the insertion of qualifying language in legislation results in a half-way measure susceptible of different interpretations with subsequent arguments. He said what they should do is to offer legislation cutting off all funds and then let the Congress vote it up or down.

I briefed Braswell on several current intelligence items including: the 9 April Soviet SS-NX-8 test, identification of a larger Soviet TU-144, and a major Chinese program of airfield construction.

2. (Secret - GLC) Left with the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy a paper on the Chinese Communist nuclear test of 18 March 1972 which George Murphy, of the staff, requested yesterday.

3. (Confidential - GLC) Left with David Martin, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, a number of unclassified documents on the Versailles Peace Conference which he had asked about and a paper prepared by Lothar Metzel entitled "Detente and the World Revolutionary Process: A Soviet View."

4. (Confidential - GLC) Al Tarabochia, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, gave me 17 rolls of undeveloped film which had been taken by the Venceremos Brigade in Cuba which he thought we might be interested in. I will check with WH Division on this.

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SUBJECT: Unclassified Documents Pertaining to Versailles Conference

1. List of participants, Versailles Conference (33 pages)
2. Paper entitled "The Nixon Administration's Strategy in Indochina - 1972" (22 pages)
3. Memo entitled "Memo on Nixon's 8 Point Plan" (2 pages)
4. Paper entitled, "Organising Committee, Facts and Figures on the Indochina War" (12 pages)
5. Presidium of the Assembly (2 pages)
6. Appeal of the Paris World Assembly for Peace and the Independence of the Peoples of Indochina (1 page)
7. Draft Resolution of Action Commission (3 pages)
8. Draft Resolution of the Political Commission (2 pages)
9. Press Release (2 pages)
10. Resolution (1 page)
11. Resolution of the Paris World Assembly for the Peace and Independence of the Indochinese People (3 pages)
12. Introduction by Mr. Andre Souquiere in the name of 48 French Organizations (4 pages)
13. Speech by Mr. Hoang Quoc VIET, Head of the DRV Delegation (4 pages)
14. DRVN Government's Statement
15. Intervention of the Delegation of the DRV at the Commission: The New Forms of War in Indochina (8 pages)
16. Statement of the Delegation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government to the Paris Conference on Vietnam on the Groundless Decision of the American Delegation to Postpone the next Session of this Conference to an Indefinite Date (1 page)
17. American Report I, by Dr. Sidney Peck (4 pages)
18. FBIS Press Extract, dtd 3 Feb 72, 24 Feb 72 (5 pages)